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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - August 6, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Chris Allen Soderberg was arraigned on August 2, 2006, in federal court in San Diego before United States Magistrate Judge Cathy Ann Bencivengo on an indictment charging him with one count of bank robbery. Soderberg entered a not guilty plea.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole A. Jones, who is prosecuting the case, Soderberg is charged with robbing a branch of Washington Mutual Bank. The indictment alleges that on July 16, 2007, Soderberg entered the Washington Mutual Bank, located at 707 Broadway, Suite 100, San Diego, California, and obtained \$1,000 from a teller by force, violence, and intimidation. Specifically, Soderberg handed a demand note to one of the tellers, threatening that he had a bomb. Soderberg was arrested by officers of the San Diego Police Department on July 20, 2007.

Soderberg is next scheduled to be in court for motions setting on September 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., before United States District Judge Larry Alan Burns.

DEFENDANT

CHRIS ALLEN SODERBERG

Case No. 07CR2050-LAB

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) (Bank Robbery)

Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration
 \$250,000 fine
 Three years of supervised release

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Federal Bureau of Investigation

An indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.